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Occupational Licensure Compacts

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What is an Interstate Compact?



Legislatively enacted agreement among states



Enables states to cooperatively address shared problems



Asserts state sovereignty over issues belonging to states

State Participation in Interstate Compacts

- **275+** compacts
- **42** interstate compacts enacted per state, on average
- Alaska is a member of **31** interstate compacts



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Occupational Licensure Portability Policy Goals

**Facilitate
Multistate Practice**

**Protect Public
Health and Safety**

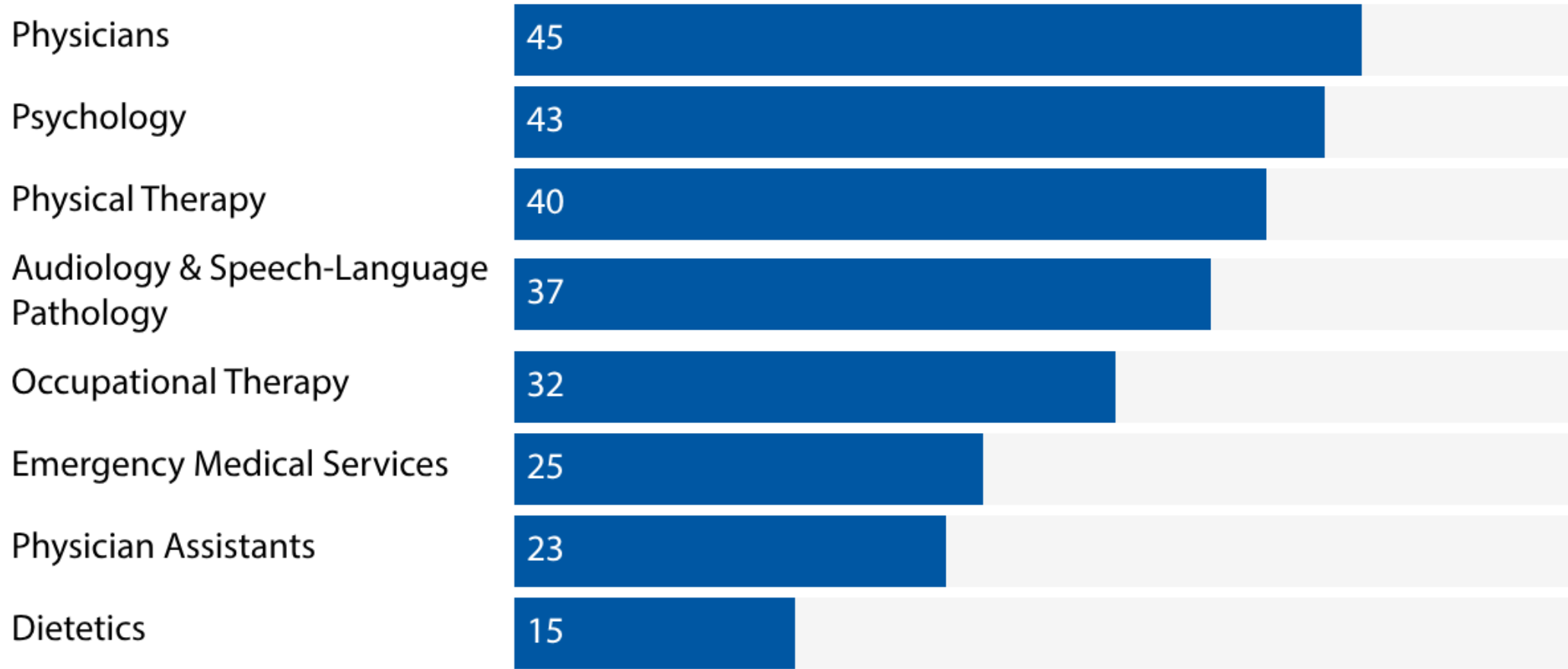
**Preserve State
Authority Over
Professional
Licensing**

Licensure Compact Basics

- Compact legislation is developed for a particular profession
- Compact legislation establishes uniform pathway to practice and member state participation requirements
- A state joins the compact by enacting the model legislation

Occupational Licensure Compact Enactment Totals

For licensure compacts currently introduced or enacted in Alaska



56

Practitioners

Responsibilities

- Voluntary selection to use compact
- Meet uniform requirements
- Pay compact fees

Benefits

- Regulatory certainty of qualifications and process
- Expedited timeline to practice
- Streamlined renewal

Licensing Boards

Responsibilities

- Participation in compact commission
- Submit information into the data system
- Comply with compact commission rules

Benefits

- Access to shared data system
- Streamlined process to authorize practice for out of state practitioners
- Greater state collaboration on disciplinary actions

Additional Key Occupational Licensure Compact Concepts

- Compacts do not interfere with other state pathways to practice
- Compact member states retain their authority for discipline
- Compact commission is comprised and governed by the compact member states
- Compact member states may charge fees to practitioners using the compact
- States may voluntarily leave a compact per the withdrawal provisions



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